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Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its fortieth session the Commission on Human Rights adopted on 20 February 1984 resolutions 1984/1 A and B. By paragraph 15 of resolution 1984/1 A the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, regional intergovernmental organizations and the international humanitarian organizations and to give it the widest possible publicity, and to report to the Commission at its forty-first session. By paragraph 6 of resolution 1984/1 B the Commission requested the Secretary-General to bring that resolution to the attention of all Governments, the competent United Nations organs, the specialized agencies, the regional intergovernmental organizations, the international humanitarian organizations and non-governmental organizations.

2. In accordance with the request of the Commission the Secretary-General brought resolutions 1984/1 A and B to the attention of all Governments, by note verbale dated 6 July 1984. The resolutions were also brought to the attention of the members of the General Assembly and the Security Council. They were communicated to the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories and to the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People by letters dated 6 July 1984.

3. Furthermore, the resolutions were transmitted to all the specialized agencies and to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The Council of Europe, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of American States, and the League of Arab States were also sent copies of the resolutions.

4. In response to the request of the Commission on Human Rights the Department of Public Information took steps to ensure that resolution 1984/1 A would receive the widest possible publicity.

5. Resolutions 1984/1 A and B of the Commission on Human Rights - its introduction and adoption at its fortieth session - was fully covered in press releases, including a roundup, issued at Geneva and at Headquarters, with worldwide distribution through United Nations Information Centres, as well as through the journalists' encounters on the question of Palestine.

6. Subsequently the resolutions were given full press release coverage when they were considered at the first regular session of 1984 of the Economic and Social Council and were publicized again during the consideration of the Human Rights Commission's report by the General Assembly's Third Committee.

7. The 1984 Yearbook of the United Nations will report on the consideration of the resolutions by the various United Nations bodies.

8. Coverage was provided on films, television and photographs of General Assembly and Security Council meetings related to the subject. The Committee on Palestinian Rights, the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council were also covered.

9. Information materials relating to the topic were sent to all United Nations Information Centres for distribution. A total of 6,575 publications were received by United Nations Information Centres and United Nations International Schools for further distribution. In addition, United Nations Information Centres organized special events, for example, exhibits, talks, and debates on the topic.

10. Resolutions 1984/1 A and B were distributed at an international meeting of non-governmental organizations held in Geneva on 20 and 22 August 1984 as a follow-up to the International Conference on the Question of Palestine. Two press releases on the meeting were issued in Geneva.